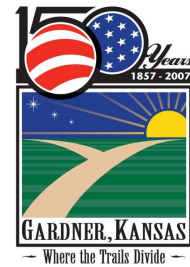


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Northside Lift Station Project Moves Forward

The Northside Lift Station construction is fifty percent complete. It is located north of 167th Street east of Center Street and will replace the current North lift station near Center Street and Colleen Drive. The current station does not have the capacity needed to meet the future demand. Construction of the new Northside Lift Station began in May 2006 and is scheduled to be completed in late spring 2007.

Kill Creek Water Tower

Work continues on the Kill Creek Water Tower construction. The pedestal is complete as well as the construction of the steel tank. The steel tank is scheduled to be hoisted on November 30th. Painting of the tank will begin as weather permits.



The water tower is scheduled to be completed in May, 2007. The capacity of the water tower will be 1 million gallons, providing enhanced storage capacity and water pressure for Gardner.

In conjunction with the Water Tower project, there will be a 12" water main installed on 159th Street from Gardner Road to Kill Creek Drive. This water line project is scheduled to begin in December and be completed in time to connect to the new water tower.

Electrical Updates

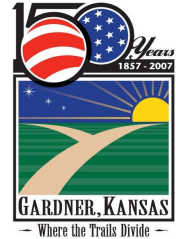
- The ¼ mile of three phase overhead distribution line feeding the new North Lift Station will be starting within the next two weeks. Tree trimming for the line will begin the week after Thanksgiving.
- The Willow Springs VII sub-division electric infrastructure will be starting the second week in December.
- The Bull Creek three phase overhead line relocation has gone out for bid. Bids for this project are due by November 21st. Construction on the line will begin approximately the second week of December. Current plans are for this project to be completed the first week of January.

Electrical Rates Increase Slightly in January

The City Council approved a rate change for electricity as part of the 2007 budget approval. For your usage in January 2007, your electric rates will increase by approximately 3%. This change will be reflected in your statement starting in February 2007. The increase will affect users differently depending on the class of user. The fixed service charge for residential customers will increase from \$6 to \$6.20. The rate increase per kilowatt hour will go from **\$0.09051 to \$0.09323. The average increase in cost per month is \$3.83.** The increase in the rate is due to the rising cost of purchasing power and ensuring funding to pay for future improvements that are necessary to properly maintain the system.



**City of Gardner Kansas
Utility Billing Budget Billing Agreement**



For your payment convenience, the City of Gardner is now offering a "Budget Billing" program to its "Residential" class customers. Budget billing allows you to pay the same amount every month on your utility bill. The amount is calculated as an average of the previous twelve monthly bills. Budget billing reduces the fluctuations in payments between high and low usage months.

To be eligible for the program, the customer must:

- Be a "Residential" class customer,
- Have at least twelve (12) consecutive months of consumption history at the current address,
- Have a current account balance of zero,
- Have no more than two(2) penalties for late payment over the last twelve (12) months,
- Not have been discontinued from the program during the past twelve (12) months and Complete and sign this agreement and receive approval by the city.

Features of the Budget Billing Program are as follows:

- An eligible customer can sign up for the Budget Billing Program at any time.
- The budget bill amount will be determined by a

review of the charges for the previous twelve (12) months plus any scheduled rate changes. This allows for any fluctuations during the year and acts as a buffer for the settlement month.

- In the twelfth month of participation in the program (the settlement month), any deferred balance will be applied to the customer's account, and the budget billing payment amount will be recalculated.
- Additionally, the City reserves the right to recalculate the budget billing payment amount at any time that the deferred balance exceeds 150% of the budget bill amount.
- The City will notify the customer of any recalculated budget billing amount. Said notification will be printed on the customer's utility bill. The actual usage and charges will be shown on each monthly bill in order to allow the customer to see their account status at any time.

A customer's participation in the Budget Billing Program will be discontinued if:

- The customer submits a written request and pays any balance due, or
- The account is disconnected for non-payment

Account Number
Name
Social Security Number
Service Address
Home Phone
Work Phone
E-mail Address

I agree I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions of the Budget Billing Agreement and agree to enroll in the program effective with my next billing. I understand that if my account is disconnected for non-payment, I will automatically be removed from the Budget Billing Program. I further understand and agree that I will be required to pay any resulting balance, and that my service may be disconnected under normal non-payment procedures.

I may drop from the plan by submitting a written request and paying any accumulated balance. Any over-ages will be carried as a credit on the utility account, until fully applied to my account.

Signature	Date
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Upcoming Winter Activities

Now Open!

Santa's Workshop

December 3, 10 and 17
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Cornerstone Park
Free for All Ages!
No Registration Required



Visit this magical place full of holiday joy. Children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and share their Christmas wishes, see the elves in action, plus receive a commemorative ornament and a candy cane. Pictures with Santa in a holiday frame will be available for \$3.50 each.



Jingle Bell Shop

December 21 and 22
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(come and go as you please!)
Senior Citizen's Building
For Ages 3-12
(4 & under must be accompanied by an adult)
Choose from many \$3-5 Gift Items
(Cash only please)
RSVP by December 15th

Call 856-0936 Today!



Let your child go on a shopping spree for parents, grandparents, siblings and friends. It's not just any shopping spree, but one where your child will be able to choose a gift item that isn't complete until after they add some creativity to it! Your child will have many "kid priced" craft items to choose from, ranging anywhere from three to five dollars each. Simply drop off your child with the money they are allowed to spend (cash only, please). With help from Santa's Elves, they will wander around the shop looking at all the different items to choose from. The kids will then complete their project(s) and get it wrapped for FREE before they go home! The little shoppers will enjoy some Christmas treats, punch and take home a FREE goodie bag of their own!



3 on 3 Middle School Intramural Basketball

For Kids Grades 7th and 8th
\$45.00
Registration Opens: December 4th
Registration Deadline: December 29th
Late registration will be accepted to fill up teams only, and will be charged a \$15.00 late fee.



This league is open to all boys and girls in grades 7th and 8th. Games will be played at a gymnasium in Gardner on Sunday evenings starting in early January. Awards will be given to 1st and 2nd place teams. Individual and/or team registration is accepted.



Adult Basketball Winter League

**Men's Wednesday League Starts
December 29**

**Men's Sunday League Starts January 14
Women's Monday League Starts
January 8**

**All Leagues will Play from 6:30 p.m. to
9:30 p.m.**

\$300.00 per team

**Only 1 check, money order, or cash payment for the entire amount will be accepted.*



This league is for men and women, 18 years and older. Teams must have the same color shirts with numbers. Games will be played at a gymnasium in Gardner. Teams will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis until leagues are full. Top two teams in each league will receive awards.

2007 Summer Job Opportunities

The City of Gardner is now accepting applications for seasonal positions with the Parks and Recreation Department for the 2007 Summer season. Applications will be accepted through February 1, 2007. For further information and an application, visit www.gardnerkansas.gov.

Positions and REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS are:

***Pool Manager** – Primary responsibilities include oversight of all activities at the Gardner Aquatics Facility, including employee schedules, collection of fees, pool maintenance, special event programming, training and evaluation of employees, directly supervising 60+ employees. Must obtain Ellis Lifeguard Training Certification. \$6,100 season.

***Assistant Pool Manager** – Must become certified through Ellis Lifeguard Training. Must have lifeguard experience. \$10.00 per hour. Ellis Certification provided by Gardner Parks and Recreation at no cost to the employee.

***Swimming Lesson Coordinator** – Must become certified through Ellis Lifeguard Training. Must have experience with teaching swimming lessons. \$10.00 per hour. Ellis Certification provided by Gardner Parks and Recreation at no cost to the employee.

***Life Guard** – Must become certified through Ellis Lifeguard Training. Must be at least 15 years of age. \$7.50 per hour. Ellis Certification provided by Gardner Parks and Recreation at no cost to the employee.

***Swim Lesson Instructor**—Must become certified through Ellis Lifeguard Training. Must be at least 15 years of age. \$7.75 per hour. Ellis Certification provided by Gardner Parks and Recreation at no cost to the employee.

***Pool Cashier** – Must be at least 15 years of age. \$5.75 per hour.

***Pool Maintenance**—Primary responsibilities include cleaning pool deck, drains and restroom facilities. Must be at least 15 years of age. \$8.25 per hour.

***Concession Manager** – Must be at least 18 years of age. Primary responsibilities include everyday operation of two concession stands at the Gardner Aquatics Center and ball field complex; which includes ordering, pricing, and inventory of all products along with supervising, scheduling and managing of approximately 35 concession workers. \$8.25 per hour.

***Concession Worker** – Must be at least 14 years of age. Responsibilities include food sales at the Gardner Aquatics Center and/or sports complex. Applicants should possess good math and customer service skills. \$5.75 per hour.

***Facility Supervisor** – Must be at least 18 years of age. Work in the evenings, 2 to 3 nights per week, Monday thru Friday, with some Saturday hours possible. Primary responsibilities include supervising baseball and softball games at the sports complex located in Gardner. General knowledge of baseball and softball rules a plus. Must be able to handle difficult situations and work well under pressure. \$9.50 hour.

***Umpires** – Must be at least 16 years of age. Primary responsibilities include umpiring baseball and/or softball games; working 1 to 5 nights a week. General knowledge of baseball/softball rules is a must. Applicants must provide their own uniform and attend a mandatory training session. \$30.00 per game.

***Scorekeepers** – Must be at least 14 years of age. Primary responsibilities include operating scoreboards at the local sports complex. Must have general knowledge of baseball/softball rules. \$5.75 hour.

***Park Maintenance Seasonal** – Must be at least 16 years of age. Seasonal work will be completed early March through Mid October. Must be available for evening and weekend hours. Primary responsibilities include activities such as mowing, landscaping, athletic field preparations, and other park maintenance duties. \$9.50 hour